

## ELOQUENT PRESENT SCORES LIBEL AT ST. AUGUSTINE EXERCISES

**Dr. Byrne Refutes Off-Repeated Charge That Church Does  
Not Foster Education—Shows Influence of Monks and  
Monasteries on Learning in Its Present Stage—Counsels  
Children to Aid Their Schools.**

Two thousand persons crowded the spacious and beautiful St. Augustine church, Wednesday night to witness the impressive graduation exercises that marked the closing of the school year.

The Rev. Dr. Byrne C. S. Sp. preached a discourse on "Education," that held the large audience spell-bound for nearly an hour. The eloquent discourse dwelt upon the necessity of religion in education for the individual, the well-being of society and the security of the state. With burning words he hurled a mass of historical facts against the oft-repeated libel upon the Church, that she is the enemy of education. Seventy-two universities in Europe were founded and fostered by the Church before the dawn of the eleventh century. The Catholic Church founded 46 universities in Europe alone. The vast strides of the Church along true educational lines in these United States, and the very greatest evidence in evidence enough, he asserted, that she is still fulfilling the commission given to her 1900 years ago by her Divine Founder: "Go, teach all nations."

The following is in part Dr. Byrne's discourse: "It is a source of great pleasure to me, my dear children, to be here present with you tonight to share in the joy that fills your hearts on the happy issue of your school work, and to thank God with you on your success. We shall together ask God to continue in the future His benefits, and I exhort you with all my heart to be ever faithful in corresponding to those graces and favors of God. God's mercies are all destined for a great purpose that we must never lose sight of, the glory of Himself in man's super-natural bliss. Consider, my dear friends, for a few moments, man's dignity, his destiny, and from this consideration learn what a good education requires.

"What are we? A human being, man, woman or child, is a creature of God that is capable of knowing, understanding truth and of loving what is noble, what is divine; mineral substances, however, precious exist but don't live. Flowers live but don't feel; birds, fishes, and even, exist, live and feel, but don't understand. Man exists, lives, feels and, like the angels, even understands, knows and loves. His is an immortal, spiritual soul.

"From this consideration of man's nature and operations we easily realize his dignity, we understand how far he is above all earthly creatures. How truthfully the Psalmist says that he was made little less than the angels who glorify God and guard and guide us, the children of God's earthly kingdom. Nothing on earth can approach man. He is so far above all, spiritual. He is guided by no blind unreasoning instinct. He is his own master and understands his aim, his duty, and chooses by his own free will the means to accomplish it.

"Nothing helps us to understand more fully our greatness, our dignity, than the thought of our destiny. God created us and gave us our intelligence and will to know His works, to know Himself, to know creation, and to ascend from the knowledge of creation to the knowledge of the Creator; to know truth and to love what is good, to know and love the things of God, the creatures of God; and above all God Himself, the source of all beauty, of all loveliness, of all good. We are destined to know, to love God and His creation here, and in Heaven to know Him perfectly, see Him face to face and love Him with an indescribable love. To love God as our friends and to be happy, ineffably happy forever.

"Wealth does not satisfy the heart. Honor and human praise cannot satisfy the heart. The pleasures and amusements of earth leave a great void in the heart. The millionaire, the hero of earth, the pleasure-hunter of the world, are not happy. St. Augustine, patron of this parish, says with absolute truth, that our heart cannot rest till it rests in God, in the full knowledge and love of God. With earth's satisfactions there's the uncertainty of their duration, the feeling of their vanity, fatigue from their abundance. Man's aim is knowledge of truth, of God, of creation; love of the sublime, God's works, God Himself. Of this joy we never grow tired.

"We have just seen what we are, our dignity, our destiny. Let us now consider more closely our nature. We are not spirits, we are matter. We are made of the elements of the earth, bound by the laws of the earth, and material things. We are not however mere matter, lifeless matter as clay or stone; we are living beings. As plants and flowers seek nourishment, grow and develop, so do we. They absorb their food through their roots and leaves, we eat our food and grow. We not only live like the flowers, we also see and hear. We feel like the bird, fish or animal; just as they hear, smell, feel, taste, so do we. More than all this and far above all this, we have the power of knowledge, we touch on the life of the spirit world. Just as, like the animals we feel, so like the angels, we understand. Man is as a little world in himself. He shares the gifts of all God's creatures. He is one of God's grandest works, most complicated, most delicate. The Blessed Virgin, Mother of God is one of us and she is above even the angels, by reason of her grace the noblest of all pure creatures. The Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity became man, took to Himself a body and soul, and is one of us.

"There is admirable order in man's makeup. He has his body and soul to live, to grow and to develop. He lives, grows and develops in order to see, hear, feel. His senses are given him that he may by them find the things he is to know and love. Everything our bodily faculties, we develop our bodily faculties to use our senses, we use our senses to know. Man's highest life is the life of the mind and heart. The man that seeks only the pleasure of eating, the pleasure of the senses, of voluptuousness, is but an inferior being, an unfinished article, a botch.

"Note well, my dear friends, that all our being, all our faculties, are subordinate to the intellectual life, and lead up to it. Man's perfection is the perfection of his highest

facilities—knowledge and love.

"Since man is the composite being, we saw he was, he is perfect only when all his component parts are perfect in themselves and perfectly adjusted. The physical condition must be perfect, body well formed, well developed. For this he needs good food, good healthy clothing, good shelter—all that conduces to a sound body, where every organ accomplishes its appointed task and life is vigorous and strong. This is the work of parents in early years; it is our own duty when we reach the age at which we mature and become fit to guide ourselves.

"Physical culture is necessary, but we must not make that the aim of our existence. Our aim is not to be a weak body physically; that is all right for horses and cattle. A perfect man needs normally a perfect body, but it is needed only as a means to attain to higher aim—knowledge and love. A weak body is often found very noble, generous, lofty soul.

"The intellectual element must be perfect; the perfect man must have a clear mind, a good sound knowledge of the things necessary for present life and of the things necessary for his final destiny beyond the grave. He must have a knowledge of himself, his nature, his origin, his destiny and of the means to attain his destiny. If he is ignorant of himself, doubts about his nature, his origin, his purpose in life, he is a poor unfortunate stray, a ship without a compass, helpless, hopeless, wandering at random on the ocean of the world, till he finds, without thinking, the eternal shores where he is at home, the favor of God, and will be very severely punished.

"Many have a knowledge of earth, of minerals, of plants, of animals, of electricity, of mathematics, of things visible, tangible, of history, of geography, but have their science ends. They may know much, but they are very, very ignorant people, for they don't know the principle and source of all things—God—they don't know their destiny. It matters but not so very much, whether we know or don't know the laws of grammar, geography, mathematics, physics, international relations—it matters, but not so very much, whether we are profound students of earth's laws and history; but it matters a great deal, it matters supremely whether we know or don't know our God, our origin, our destiny. The poor, despised working woman, who sends her heads and prayers to God for light to know her daily duty and grace to accomplish it, who knows little of earth's science, but knows her God—Heaven's science—Faith—is far superior to the proud scholar, who boasts of his knowledge of science and languages. She has knowledge of the all-important truths; she knows many things, but ignores what is most necessary. The perfect man knows both the truths of earth and the truths of time. The Church does not favor ignorance—we favor knowledge, all the positive knowledge possible to man in his position in life, but she insists on his knowing God and the eternal truths of religion above all else.

"The moral perfection of man is closely allied to the intellectual and follows it. A moral life is the life well ordered as to its aim and purpose. A good life. Man like every thing else is good when he accomplishes the end for which His Creator destined him. A good light is a light that gives plenty of opportunity to see in the darkness. The light of glorying Him by the blessed vision and ecstatic love of Heaven hereafter.

"True education is the training of the perfect man. Hence it requires corporal development; parents attend to this. It requires intellectual development—this, too, is the duty of parents, a duty however generally committed to authorized teachers who are better equipped for it and give their lives to it. It is not strictly a government duty, but a parental one. It requires moral development. This, too, is the duty of parents. This duty they accomplish themselves under the direction of the Church, supremely charged with the guidance of all men to their super-natural destiny.

"Now, my dear brethren, where is this education to be found? Where do we find the child perfectly formed for its life on earth and its life beyond the grave? What teacher makes the complete man—the man who is acquainted with all his duty towards God and his fellow-men? Not in the non-denominational school where God is not known and is ignored. These children may learn and become clever and leaving, may know how to calculate and measure the advantages of earthly things. There they may learn worldly wisdom; there they will not learn the motives, the strong motives for curbing their pride and selfishness and going out into the world they will use their knowledge to attain their selfish ends. They will not, and they cannot, form that happy society of devoted, unselfish men that will make life happy here and give a foretaste of the happiness of Heaven. The words of Washington, solemn words, solemnly said on a solemn occasion, are appropriate here. Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education in minds of pecuniary fortune, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles. These words should never be forgotten.

"The Catholic Church has made and always will make the greatest sacrifices to train her children in those truths. Ever since Christ laid her

foundation the Apostles of the nations have made it their duty to impress these doctrines on nations and it is from these doctrines that true civilization springs. She founded her schools and universities long before that falsely called Reformation. Her universities flourished before Luther was born. She assisted the establishment of over seventy of them before the sixteenth century in Europe, and since then, of the seventy established in Europe, she founded over forty. She encouraged science, for the more we know of Creation the better we know the perfections of God. Earth is but a finite image of the wonders of the Divine Mind, which itself finds its ideas in the vast ocean of the Divine perfection.

"Here in this country Catholics are to be heartily congratulated on their devotion to Catholic education—your schools are magnificent—your teachers are admirable in their self-sacrifice; the heroines of the schoolroom are in no way inferior to the heroines of the hospital or battlefield. Your pastor is to be congratulated, and so are all those who labor and strive to spread to the minds of children, and drill into them, those salutary truths that will support them through life's difficulties and sorrows, and also through life's success. Help your schools—your generosity could not be better placed. You are in this laying the foundations of future prosperity, and especially, of future moral perfection, of future joy.

"My dear children, try to appreciate you too, what has been done for you. You have no idea, I fear, of the blessings you enjoy. Pardon me an experience I had personally some six years ago in this far corner of the world in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Fourteen cannibals had been condemned to death for killing and eating a human being, an unfortunate negro. It was my duty to instruct them and prepare them for death. One morning, after a prolonged instruction on man's creation and the mystery of human life, its purpose, its end, its final home beyond the grave, man's duties to God and to his fellow man, one of these poor miserable men said to me with a strange and very unexpected enthusiasm: "Father, if we had known these consoling truths, we should not be where we are. Go to our village, to our district, teach the people, life will be so much happier.

"Alas, my dear children, there's the cry of the savage; there's the appeal of the man of the jungle. They have not your opportunities. Appreciate the gifts of God, appreciate what your parents are doing for you, what the devoted sisters, your teachers, are doing for you, what your zealous pastor is doing for you. Thank God from your hearts. Thank your devoted parents and friends. Never forget the lessons you learned in your school at St. Augustine; put them into practice in their lives; you will then be better and happier, you will know your place in the world, your purpose, you will love your God and love your fellow-man. This is the whole law of goodness and perfection here, and will lead surely and safely to your supreme perfecting hereafter in the vision and love of God."

### ODD FELLOWS FEAST.

The seven lodges of Odd Fellows in Bridgeport and vicinity banqueted at Lehman's shore house last night. Grand lodge guests were Charles J. T. Haviland acted as toastmaster. The guests of honor were W. T. Meyer, Judge Henry C. Stevenson and Sidney W. Challenger.

Corn Products Refining Co.'s plant at Granite City, Ill. will reopen June 28.

### DIED

DAVIS—Sophie Sharp Davis, suddenly in Vancouver, Washington, on June 18th, 1915, in the 66th year of her age, wife of the late Samuel Davis, a good life. Man like every thing else is good when he accomplishes the end for which His Creator destined him. A good light is a light that gives plenty of opportunity to see in the darkness. The light of glorying Him by the blessed vision and ecstatic love of Heaven hereafter.

Funeral services will be held at the home of her son, Samuel T. Davis, Jr., 206 Park Place, on Saturday afternoon, June 26th at four o'clock. Interment private. D 24 b\*

FOR SALE—Mare good worker. P. J. Murphy, 75 Henry St. Call after 6 p. m. D 25 b\*

MRS. LEVY, readings 25c and 50c. Telephone 5552, 1152 Madison avenue, formerly of 674 Madison avenue. D 15 b\*

FOR SALE—Heavy timbers and 20 iron poles, 8 feet long. Hanson, 3660 North Main St. D 25 b\*

YOUNG MAN, 19, wants position learning carpenter trade. Strong and willing. Address J. T. H., Box P. O. 464, City. D 25 b\*

HAVING SOLD the Wonderful homestead in Newtown to a deserving Bridgeport mechanic, I now offer a homestead on the main road, 2 houses, barn and 4 acres of land with a fine orchard. I am again for another Bridgeport family who want to get back to the soil, and yet commute daily to his work. Address T. J. Corbett, Queen St., Newtown, Ct. D 25 b\*

UPHOLSTERER WE FURNISH all material and cover a piece suit for \$10 to pattern to choose from. Scaly brothers, 406 State St.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends who assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife, sister, Mrs. Julia Keating O'Brien; also for the many beautiful floral tokens received.

JAMES KEATING, JOSEPH KEATING, HENRY KEATING.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT, ss., PROBATE COURT.

June 25, 1915. Estate of August F. Richter, late of the town of Bridgeport, in said District deceased.

The Court of Probate for the District of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be deemed a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

LOUISE M. RICHTER, Administratrix, 350 Barnum Ave., City. a\*

## HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street.

Bridgeport, Conn.  
Friday, June 25, 1915.

The Weather:—Fair tonight and Saturday; light variable winds.

### Splendid shirts 3 for \$2.85.

From the Yorke folks who make men's shirts that we've proved to many Bridgeport men are unequalled.

Their regular \$1.50 sort; exactly same as we've sold this season at that price of \$1.50.

Fine fabrics, striped in rich colors, made with soft cuffs.

With all the Yorke excellent qualities.

But a cleanup;—and though sizes run from 14 to 17 not all patterns are available in each size.

Usually \$1.50—this lot

\$1.10—3 for \$2.85.

Right of Main street door.

### For man's vacation.

Whether you tent by wood or ocean, everything to give enjoyment.

Oldtown canoes, easy to paddle and best all-around sort built, according to style and finish, \$31 to \$40.

Tents, good stout canvas, reinforced at gables and corners, wall style, according to size—\$6 to \$10.50.

Cots that a chap will sleep comfortably on—\$3.

Swimming suits, cotton from \$1, worsted from \$2 to \$4. As quiet or gay as wished.

Let an Autograph Kodak keep a record of the camp life and fun. \$6 or more.

Front basement.

### Books are company.

With Thankful's Inheritance, for example, one needs no other company for a spare hour or two.

Such story is good company. It is good companion at home on the veranda; equally cheerful during odd moments of vacation days. Book never feels neglect, is always ready to do its share, doesn't get tired or tire-some.

Thankful's Inheritance, by Joe Lincoln, is essentially a summer story: full of delicious humor and true fun.

The book-shop just blooms with good new stories.

Very sort you most enjoy is surely ready.

Main floor, rear.

### Light pretty bathing-suits.

A touch of white or-of color makes the new bathing-suits for women doubly tasteful.

They are practically all of silk or of wiry mohair; shed the water; do not become heavy and weigh down a swimmer.

Fuller skirts, in tune with fashions for regular wear, make them prettier than ever. Trimming is new and novel too.

Blue and black most in demand—but some almost-daring combinations of brilliant hues.

\$3 to \$10.

Second floor.

### Special white petticoats.

Made of firm heavy-texture seersucker which is of so fine weave that it has but little of the crinkled look characteristic of most seersucker.

Excellently made too; with full flare flounce and good underlay.

Cut on new model which has proper fullness for wear beneath summer's full-skirted dresses.

Regular sizes, 75c; special sizes, \$1.

Second floor.

## HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street.

### Latest-style white hats—\$2.50 and more.

A smart white panama or hemp hat, all trimmed and ready for wear, need cost but \$2.50 or \$3.50.

Quite a number now ready, show how pretty a one may be picked at that price.

Trimming is simple—a little ribbon or wings or such.

Effect is good; and summery—and such hats are very comfortable and serviceable.



Small hats and large enjoy equal favor now. Large are mostly of sailor family.

Not all white hats are studies in white. A trimming of blue or rich delicate pink often gives the gleam of color—and sometimes flowers lend their beauty also.

\$2.50, \$3.50, \$5 and more.

Second floor.

### Fine underwear worth \$1 to \$1.50— 69c.

Nicer knitted underwear than this, few would ask.

'Tis delightfully fine of texture; lisle and cotton.

Some is finished with top of silk in pink or blue.

Much is trimmed with fine lace.

There are even some suits of Italian silk!



All are union suits. All are from a famous maker of fine quality. A promise prevents printing that maker's name. But it's on many of the suits—and it's a guarantee of good quality always.

Limited quantity, so there is need to be prompt.

69c.

Left aisle, rear.

### Under a straw hat is comfort for men.

A Howland panama at \$5 will give a man greatest degree of summer comfort to be bought for that sum.

These panamas are great of looks, even of weave, light, \$5.



Fancy straw hats for young fellows who want a style that is a little ahead of the average. Unique brads, individual air, high class.

One mighty good looking straw has a self-conforming construction. It doesn't pinch; fits like a soft hat.

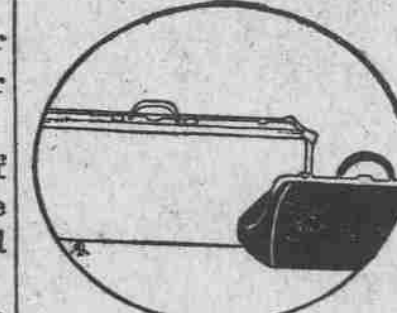
A dozen other good new shapes and brads—\$1.50 to \$3.

Main floor, rear.

### For week-end visitors.

Solid suit-cases of special 7-inch depth have a steel frame and sewed-on leather corners. What a lot they hold!

Wide leather straps all around. Easy-grip leather handle. Brass lock and bolts. 24-inch size—\$7.50.



Bags of cowhide are deep-cut so a man can get stuff in and out with ease. Sole-leather, steel frame, leather lining, brass lock. 16 to 18 inch sizes—\$6.

Women's light strong black leather bags have steel frame and lining of cloth. 15 to 18 inch sizes—\$2.

Suit-cases of black enamel are bound with leather and lined with cloth. Very light, 24 inch size—\$2.50.

Special cases of matting which will not blister and is waterproof. Bound with leather, have leather straps all around, lined with cloth. 24 inch size—\$3.

Third floor.

### Stylish hair goods.

Nearly every shade of hair is to be matched from the excellent collection of switches and transformations now ready at unusual price.

Each article of that collection is good and sanitary.

Switches—20 inch, 95c; 22 inch, \$1.50; 24 inch, \$2.50; 28 inch, \$3.85.

Transformations—according to length—\$1.25 and \$1.50.

Third floor.

